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## MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE SECRETARY OF TREASURY  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Iran Sanctions (C)

The President has reviewed the notes of the SCC Meeting on Iran and Afghanistan of March 18, 1980, as follows: (C)

-- The President approves in principle a census of private claims, with timing of implementation left open for the moment. (C)

-- Iranian assets should not be seized at this time. (C)

-- The proposal by Treasury that companies be required to contact the Office of Foreign Assets Control prior to making any exports to Iran, is approved. (U)

-- Commenting on the SCC recommendations concerning possible changes in U.S. diplomatic relations with Iran (cut representation in half; close two Consulates; restrict movements of Iranian diplomats to cities where they are assigned; prohibition of publication and distribution of propaganda; and PNG Iranian diplomats whose media appearances are obnoxious or harmful), the President commented. "Worse than nothing. We should be prepared to expel them all." (S)

The President has directed the SCC to consider and be prepared to move on the following actions:

- Impose sanctions.
- Seize assets.
- Expel diplomats.
- Escalate condemnatory rhetoric. (S)

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Review on March 19, 2000  
Classified and Extended by Zbigniew Brzezinski  
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